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In accordance with the foregoing, claim 1 has been amended and claim 8 has been cancelled. Therefore, after entry of the claim amendments, claims 1-7 and 9-13 will remain pending and under examination. No new matter is being presented, and approval of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

It is noted that the amendments to claim 1 are to incorporate the features of claim 8, which is cancelled herein accordingly. Therefore, the claim amendments submitted above should not require any further searching by the Examiner, and therefore should be entered under 37 CFR §1.116.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-3, 5, 6 and 9-12 stand rejected as being anticipated by Satoh (EP 0881 587 A2). The rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. The following is a comparison between embodiments of the present invention and the cited art.

Independent claim 1 is amended herein to recite a creating unit to, if the specific command is interpreted as an instruction to create a list of one or more targets, which are specified by the specific command, create, from the targets stored in memory of the terminal device, the list of the one or more targets which are specified by the specific command, wherein if the targets are received mails, at least a sender, a received date, and a subject are displayed in the list, with respect to each of the received mails.

Amended claim 1 incorporates the features of cancelled dependent claim 8, which is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoh in view of Day (US 2003/0224760). In rejecting claim 8, the Examiner notes that Satoh does not disclose that if the targets are received mails, at least a sender, a received date, and a subject are displayed in the list, with respect to each of the received mails. Thus, Day is cited as disclosing these features of newly amended independent claim 1 (previously recited in claim 8).

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Day discloses a technique that allows the user to receive an e-mail by accessing an e-mail server 102 using an application program or the like (see paragraph [0020], etc.). Day discloses nothing about a list pertaining to a received mail, the list being extracted according to a specific command and transmitted as a mail main body. Furthermore, Day discloses an inbox displayed on a desktop computer system (see FIG. 2 of Day) and an inbox displayed on a mobile device (see FIG. 3). The inboxes are retrieved from an e-mail storage device or the like. The disclosure of Day does not allow displaying a list pertaining to a received mail, the list being created according to a specific command in the received mail and transmitted as a mail main body.

Accordingly, the technology obtained by combining Satoh and Day fails to teach or suggest at least: (i) a list of one or more targets is created according to a specific command in a received mail; and (ii) if the targets are received mails, at least a sender, a received date, and a subject are displayed in the list, with respect to each of the received mails.

In contrast, by providing a creating unit to, if the specific command is interpreted as an instruction to create a list of one or more targets, which are specified by the specific command, create, from the targets stored in memory of the terminal device, the list of the one or more targets which are specified by the specific command, wherein if the targets are received mails, at least a sender, a received date, and a subject are displayed in the list, with respect to each of the received mails, embodiments of the present invention recited in amended claim 1 enable efficient confirmation of the received mails, for example.

Applicant further notes that Satoh discloses that a file operation is performed by using an e-mail system for a remote operation; however, Satoh fails to teach or suggest a received mail being a target of an operation. Thus, it is submitted that Satoh fails to cure the deficiencies of Day described above.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the cited art, alone or in combination. The pending dependent claims inherit the patentability of amended claim 1 and are submitted to be allowable for at least the foregoing reasons.

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Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 4, 7 and 13 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Satoh, and claim 8 stands rejected as being unpatentable over Satoh in view of Day, as discussed above. Claim 8 is cancelled herein and the features thereof are substantially incorporated into amended independent claim 1, which patentably distinguishes over the prior art for the foregoing reasons.

Dependent claims 4, 7 and 13 inherit the patentability of independent claim 1 and are submitted to be allowable for at least the reasons presented herein.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 278542014100. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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